

Chronic Illness Workgroup
NCQA's Rationale for retiring "Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis of COPD"
August 18, 2014

Background: During the August 7, 2014 Chronic Illness workgroup meeting, the members requested additional information about NCQA's rationale for retiring "Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis of COPD" (NQF 0577).

Bailit contacted NCQA and was informed that the measure is being retired for health plan accreditation purposes only. NCQA provided the following rationale: "Because we added a number of new measures, we felt it was best to retire some of the existing measures in order to maintain a reasonable number of measures required for reporting. Our goal for the measures update was to include a meaningful set of measures by putting more emphasis on outcome-oriented measures."